

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 675 - SB 985

March 17, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines operator, water supply system, and water treatment plant for the purpose of the *Tennessee Safe Drinking Water Act of 1983*. Prohibits adding fluoride to water, if total amounts of fluoride, including naturally occurring fluoride, exceeds the optimal level set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services of 0.07 parts per million. Requires all sanitary surveys by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to be random and unannounced. Requires public water utility systems to make available a certificate of analysis of fluoridation of public drinking water for public inspection. Requires public notice of fluoridation to be posted in the water system's consumer confidence report, the water district's website if one exists, and in a prominent location within town or city hall.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any impact for TDEC to promulgate rules and regulations is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on previous information obtained by the Fiscal Review Committee staff, there are 282 systems in Tennessee that have fluorinated water which are sampled quarterly under current state regulations; 104 systems currently purchase water and do not conduct quarterly fluoride tests.
- According to TDEC, public water systems will obtain the batch-specific certificates of analysis directly from the manufacturer or through their supplier and have indicated that no additional cost should be incurred by the systems.
- TDEC will ensure compliance with the unannounced and random survey requirements using existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- It is estimated that public water utility systems can accommodate the posting requirements for the public notice in the water system's consumer confidence report, the water district's website, and in the town or city hall using existing resources and without an increase in local expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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